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REMARKS

Applicants elect Claims 1-12. The remaining Claims 13-32 are canceled from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for claims 13-32 at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants enclose a Petition for One Month Extension of Time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$60.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Applicants believe no additional fees are due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2548.

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